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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2,9-12,15 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 3-8,13,14 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless – (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 12,15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Palley et al (6,341,708). Palley et al teach a breaching apparatus comprising: a box like housing (10) with a hollow chamber constructed of flexible polymeric material (col. 22,lines 1-5) that disintegrates upon explosion without sufficient amount of fragments being given off (col. 29, lines 7-8); an explosive element (14), inherently having covering (sheath) disposed in said housing inherently capable of producing an explosive force sufficient for breaching a structure.
3. Claims 1 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nistler et al (3,658,006). Nistler et al teach a breaching apparatus (11) comprising a box like housing (11) with a hollow chamber that disintegrates upon explosion without sufficient amount of fragments being given off (col.2, lines 65-66); an explosive material (21) disposed in the housing; wherein the housing comprises an attachment device that can be any means including magnetic (56 or 67).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 3-8, 13, 14 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Reiss teaches a housing (18) comprising internal partitions (31) spaced from one another (fig. 4).
- Biche et al (5,824,954). Biche et al teach a housing (2) constructed of a flexible polymeric material (col. 2, lines 21-22), and capable of retaining an explosive element (instead of the electrical element) disposed in said housing.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lulit Semunegus whose telephone number is (571) 272-6882. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on (571) 272-6873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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